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SUBJ: TONG-SUN PARK: VISIT BY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

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1. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING LAWYERS FOR BRIEFING
OF CIVILETTI AND MICHEL ON KOREAN LAW AND MINISTRY OF
JUSTICE OPERATION AS REQUESTED REFTEL.

(A) WE HAVE ARRANGED FOR KOREAN LAWYER KIM CHUNG CHO TO BE
AVAILABLE FOR BRIEFING ON SUNDAY, OCT. 16, AT ANY TIME
DESIRED BY US TEAM. KIM IS RESPECTED MEMBER OF
LEGAL PROFESSION HERE WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO US LEGAL CIRCLES.
HE IS IN HIS MID-FORTIES, SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL AND IS
CURRENTLY A COUNSELOR OF LAW ASIA. WHILE NOT TRAINED IN
THE US, HE HAS VISITED, MOST RECENTLY ON A USIS EXCHANGE
GRANT. LOCAL FEE FOR SERVICES IS DOLLARS 100 FOR FIRST
HOUR AND DOLLARS 50 FOR ADDITIONAL HOURS. THIS IS FEE
SCHEDULE CURRENTLY IN USE BY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S
OFFICE.

(B) WE HAVE ALSO ARRANGED FOR AN AMERICAN EMPLOYEE OF THE
JAG WHO WAS BORN IN KOREA TO BE AVAILABLE. JOHN LEE,
FIFTY YEARS OF AGE, WENT TO US FOLLOWING KOREAN WAR,
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TOOK YALE LAW DEGREE, AND PRACTICED FOR SHORT PERIOD IN
NEW YORK. HE CURRENTLY HEADS THE SOFA DIVISION IN THE
JAG OFFICE AND HAS BEEN EMPLOYED HERE FOR THE
PAST TEN YEARS.

(C) FINALLY, SHIN H. JOO, A KOREAN LAWYER WELL
KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE BACKGROUND

INFORMATION TO US TEAM, IF REQUIRED. KIM WOULD, HOWEVER,
NOT WANT ANY FORMAL RELATIONSHIP WITH US TEAM.

2. BELIEVE US TEAM WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION
REQUIRED THROUGH USE OF THREE LAWYERS LISTED.
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